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COMMUNICATING SIMULATION  
SOLUTIONS BETWEEN CIRCUIT  
COMPONENTS IN A HIERARCHICAL DATA  
STRUCTURE

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 13, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20061101), for which a response was due on January 13, 2007. January 13, 2007 fell on a Saturday, January 14, 2007 fell on a Sunday, and January 15, 2007 fell on a Holiday. Accordingly, this response, filed on January 16, 2007 is timely filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Pending Claims are listed begins on page 3 of this paper.

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